(d) Since the percentage of transhipment cargo being handled is only about 5% of the total containerised cargo handled at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, the revenue generated on account of transhipment is marginal.

Transportation of LNG

2979. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Liquefied Natural Gas transported by Indian Shipping Industry, Quantity-wise and value-wise;

(b) whether the Indian Shipping Industry get appropriate fiscal incentives and adequate technology transfer for transportation of LNG; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYANYADAV): (a) No Indian Shipping Company has so far transported Liquefied Natural Gas.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

VRS in MBPT

2980. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 6000 employees have taken VRS in MBPT;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether MBPT cannot compete with JNPT;

(d) whether it is also a fact that MBPT is going to sell 26 of its plots which measure 100 and 600 square metres; and /

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYANYADAV): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) Voluntary Retirement scheme was introduced in Mumbai Port Trust between 28.2.2001 and 30.6.2001. The primary reason for introduction of VRS was to reduce manpower which is surplus and reduce costs, especially in the